

# **OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

## **NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

### **Pre-kindergarten Enhancement and Expansion Program and Child Care Subsidy Program Evaluations**

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education (OSSE/ECE) is responsible for coordinating early childhood education services for District of Columbia children and their families.

#### **Request for Applications:**

The OSSE/ECE seeks one (1) or more Grantees to:

- Assess classroom quality and evaluate the implementation of the Pre-k program through collecting and reporting on quantitative and qualitative data with the goal to provide useful input for strengthening the early childhood education system. The Grantee will design and conduct an evaluation and assessment of at least thirty-five (35) pre-k programs in the District of Columbia Public Schools, Public Charter Schools and Community Based Organizations (CBOs).
- Assess classroom quality and evaluate Child Care Subsidy Program sites through collecting and reporting qualitative and quantitative data with the goal to provide useful input for strengthening the early childhood education system. The grantee will design and conduct an evaluation and assessment of one hundred eighty (180) licensed child care programs enrolled in the District of Columbia Child Care Subsidy Program.

Funds in the amount of nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) are available to support one (1) or more grantees as follows:

- Pre-k program evaluations - \$650,000
- Child Care Subsidy Program evaluations - \$250,000

Funding is made available through the District of Columbia (local) appropriated dollars and the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF).

Applications are requested from private and public universities and for profit and non-profit research organizations. Applicants must be licensed to do business in the District of Columbia.

#### **Important Dates:**

The RFA will be available on **Friday, August 20, 2010**. Applications may be obtained from the Office of Partnerships and Grants Services website ([www.opgs.dc.gov](http://www.opgs.dc.gov)) at the District Grants Clearinghouse link. Applications may also be obtained from Ms. Lesa Bonds, Management Analyst, 717 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Please call (202) 727-1839. The deadline for application submission is **September 15, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. DST**.

The Pre-Application Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 31, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 pm at 717 14th Street, NW, 8th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC 20005. For preparation purposes, interested parties planning to attend the Pre-Application Conference are requested to RSVP to Angelia McDuffie at (202) 727-1839 or [angelia.mcduffie@dc.gov](mailto:angelia.mcduffie@dc.gov).